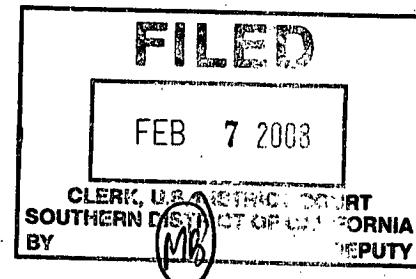


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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 10 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA *08cr0322-W*  
 11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) Magistrate Case No. 08MJ0236  
 12 Plaintiff, )  
 13 v. )  
 14 HOPE NICOLE ARONSON, )  
 15 Defendant. )  
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**STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT MOTION FOR RELEASE OF MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND ORDER THEREON**

**(Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program)**

17 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES  
 18 OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and Jeffrey D.  
 19 Moore, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant HOPE NICOLE ARONSON, by and  
 20 through and with the advice and consent of defense counsel, Gregory T. Murphy, Federal Defenders  
 21 of San Diego, Inc., that:

22 1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing  
 23 date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly,  
 24 intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead  
 25 guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count  
 26 of Bringing in Aliens Without Presentation and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C.  
 27 § 1324(a)(2)(B)(iii) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

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1       2.    Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to  
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days  
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4       3.    Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or  
5 before **February 28, 2008**.

6       4.    The material witness, Fang Chen, in this case:

7           a.    Is an alien with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;  
8           b.    Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about  
9 January 25, 2008;

10           c.    Was found in a vehicle driven by defendant at the San Ysidro, California Port  
11 of Entry (POE) and that defendant knew or acted in reckless disregard of the fact that she was an  
12 alien with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

13           d.    Was having others pay on her behalf \$30,000-\$40,000 to others to be brought  
14 into the United States illegally and/or transported illegally to her destination therein; and,

15           e.    May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland  
16 Security for return to her country of origin.

17       5.    After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this  
18 stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any  
19 reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any proceeding,  
20 including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral attack, that:

21           a.    The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as  
22 substantive evidence;

23           b.    The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents  
24 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such testimony  
25 shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements against interest  
26 of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

27           c.    Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),

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1 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted  
2 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant  
3 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

4 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has  
5 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies  
6 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense  
7 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

8 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the  
9 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of  
10 Homeland Security for return to her country of origin.

11 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.

12 Respectfully submitted,

13 KAREN P. HEWITT  
14 United States Attorney

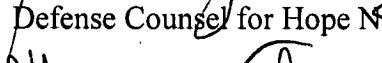
15 Dated: 2/7/08

  
for JEFFREY D. MOORE  
Assistant United States Attorney

16 Dated: Feb. 6, 2008

  
GREGORY T. MURPHY  
Defense Counsel for Hope Nicole Aronson

17 Dated: Feb. 6, 2008

  
HOPE NICOLE ARONSON  
Defendant

## ORDER

Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,  
**THE STIPULATION** is admitted into evidence, and,  
**IT IS ORDERED** that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded  
forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to her country of origin.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: 2/7/08

  
United States Magistrate Judge